മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ.—(a) അനുബന്ധം നോക്കുക. (*Vide Appendix VI.*)

(b) & (c). മരങ്ങളും, വിറകു ഇവയുടെ ഗതാഗതത്തിനുള്ള സൌകര്യക്കുറവുനിമിത്തം വിചാരിച്ച വില ചിലസമയത്തു കിട്ടാതിരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ തന്നിമിത്തം ഫോറസ്റ്റ് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ പരിശോധനക്കു യാതൊരുകുറവും വന്നിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ശങ്കരൻനമ്പൂതിരി.—ഇതിൽ (c) എന്നഭാഗത്തിന് ഉത്തരം പറഞ്ഞു കാണുന്നേയില്ല.

പ്രസിഡെണ്ട്.—എന്താ! ഉത്തരം പറയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ.—ഇതേവരെ ഒന്നും ആലോചിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് തീരുമാനവും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ശങ്കരൻനമ്പൂതിരി—ഈ വിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്ക തന്നെ ചെയ്തില്ലെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ.—ഇല്ല.

പ്രസിഡെണ്ട്.—ആലോചിക്കാത്തതുകൊണ്ടായിരിക്കാം മറുപടി പറയാതിരുന്നത്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ശങ്കരൻനമ്പൂതിരി.—ഇനിയെങ്കിലും ആലോചിക്കാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ.—ആലോചിക്കാം.

Motor Vehicle accidents.

479. Dr. A. R. Menon—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many motor vehicles' accidents, resulting in loss of life or serious bodily injuries, have come to the notice of the Police during the years 1101 and 1102 M. E;

(b) how many of these cases have been charge-sheeted before Magistrates?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur:—(a) Four and five respectively.

(b) Three and two respectively.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Answer to sub-division (a) "Four and five respectively". That means they are the only cases that came to your notice.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur:—They were the only *serious* cases.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Please refer to Appendix VII (3). "Dead by being run over negligence on the part of the driver was not proved to launch a prosecution—License suspended for two months". Now, Sir, how are we to know whether it was due to the carelessness of the driver or not?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—By investigation we can know that. We can ask persons who live

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close by, and then, there will be persons who were travelling in the same bus, and after that we come to the conclusion whether it was due to the negligence of the driver or not.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government kindly realise that, when people are run over by buses, and when these people happen to be very poor, it is not likely to get necessary information in a country like ours ?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is not our fault. It is the fault of the country and the people. There will be many honourable gentlemen travelling in the bus who will be prepared to speak the truth and who will be prepared to give evidence.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government consider a more suitable judicial procedure to see whether a driver is responsible for the death of a person or not ? People are run over occasionally, and the Police Officers say that there is no case at all. Do the Government think that this is the proper procedure ?

President.—How is it done in Madras ?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—In Madras, when a case is registered, investigation will be conducted, and if there is a *prima facie* case, the man will be charged.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What I want to know is whether there is any objection in bringing the whole matter before a judicial tribunal and giving him a chance of proving his own innocence that the accident was not due to his fault. If this procedure is adopted, it will give better satisfaction to the public.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—All these things depend upon the wording of the answer that they get from the persons who are travelling in the bus. You cannot prefer a case without evidence. If all these cases were to be committed to a court, we will require some five or six hundred courts to try such cases.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—So you say that there are six hundred cases like this ?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—What I mean to say is we, the Police, have to charge not only motor cases, but also murder cases, cases for house-breaking and for various other offences.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I only want to bring it to the notice of the Government. My point is that we must try to minimise the number of cases.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I would also like to see that there is not a single case. Four or five cases in a year is not too much.

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